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SUBJECT: UNGA GENERAL COMMITTEE: SENEGALESE PERFORMANCE
ON KOREA ITEM

REF: (A) USUN 4345; (B) USUN 4337

1. EMBASSY WILL NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT SENEGALESE PERMREP
FALL PLAYED PARTICULARLY ACTIVE AND UNHELPFUL ROLE IN
GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 17 IN HANDLING OF
KOREAN ITEM AT 30TH GA. WE NOTE THAT HE VOTED AGAINST
THE INSCRIPTION OF OUR ITEM, IN EFFECT TAKING THE POSITION
THAT A MATTER WHICH WE REGARD AS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE WAS
NOT WORTHY OF DISCUSSION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WHEN
OUR ITEM WAS INSCRIBED BY A NARROW MARGIN, HE PROPOSED
THAT THE TWO KOREAN ITEMS BE MERGED WITH OUR SUB-ITEM
LISTED LAST. DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
NORMAL, AS TUNISIA PROPOSED, TO LIST OUR SUB-ITEM FIRST
IN VIEW OF OUR EARLIER REQUEST FOR A KOREAN ITEM, THE
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SENEGALESE PERMREP ARGUED THAT THE VOTING ON INSCRIPTION OF

THE TWO ITEMS ILLUSTRATED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERED THE ALGERIAN ITEM TO BE "MORE IMPORTANT." FINALLY, WHEN THE TUNISIAN PROPOSAL WAS PUT TO A VOTE, HE JOINED SEVEN COMMUNIST STATES AND MOZAMBIQUE IN OPPOSING IT. THE RESULT WAS THAT OUR ITEM WAS LISTED SECOND, AN OUTCOME WHICH WILL MAKE THE EFFORT TO GIVE OUR RESOLUTION VOTING PRIORITY SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT.

2. THE FOREGOING PERFORMANCE ILLUSTRATES THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SENEGAL ACTED IN A MANNER MORE DAMAGING TO THE U.S. INTERESTS ON THIS ITEM THAN DID ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE. AMBASSADOR SHOULD REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SENEGALESE PERMREP IN THIS SITUATION WITH THE FONMIN AND EMPHASIZE U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISPLEASURE. HE MAY ADD THAT AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE MAKING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO MEET THE CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AS ILLUSTRATED BY OUR PROPOSALS TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, OUR SENSITIVITY ON HIGHER PRIORITY POLITICAL ISSUES WILL BE INCREASED, AND PARTICULARLY HOSTILE ACTION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON ISSUES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO US WILL NOT BE WITHOUT RESULT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. (FYI: OUR PURPOSE IN MAKING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED APPROACH IS TO PUT GOS ON NOTICE AS TO THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THEIR PERMREP'S ACTIONS. IN THE VERY -NEAR FUTURE, WE WILL BE INSTRUCTING EMBASSIES FURTHER WITH REGARD TO THE KOREAN ISSUE ON WHICH SOME ALTERATION OF OUR RESOLUTION IS IN PROSPECT. YOUR DEMARCHE SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO PUT THE SENEGALESE IN A POSITION IN WHICH THEY WILL BE MORE APT TO LOOK AT SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PULL BACK FROM THEIR APPARENTLY OVEREXTENDED COMMITMENT TO THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION. END FYI). KISSINGER

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